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The reply filed on November 27, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the prosecution of the application on the merits is closed in view of the previous Ex Parte Quayle action. However, applicant's reply filed November 27, 2006 contains amendments to the claims changing the scope of the claims. For example, in claim 14, the claim as amended now merely reads in such a way that "a knife holder" simply requires to be surrounded on three sides and not by "a collection element". Furthermore, the body of the claim still sets forth a combination of collection element attached to a rotary microtome while the preamble merely states a collection element. Moreover, it is not clear whether "an inner front wall" set forth in claims 11 and 20 is part of "the front wall" set forth in claims 1 and 15. In addition, in claim 1, line 5, "outer side wall" should be --outer side walls--. The examiner respectfully suggests changing "a front wall" set forth in claims 1 and 14 to --a front wall including an inner and outer front walls-- and should amend dependent claims regarding the inner and outer front walls accordingly. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

  
**STEPHEN CHOI**  
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